

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
June 2, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Marian Russell called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Ed Lockhart
Mildred Bliss
Marian Russell
Gordon Chilson
Larry Barnes
Melvin Davis
Jack Young

Mayor:

Absent

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Walt Beach
Donna Blend
Jonathan & Dani Bowden
Gene Haley

Fern Deming
Crystal Stage

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to approve the minutes of May 5, 2008, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS-The Council reported a complaint received about a chainsaw being used before noon on Sunday. There was a discussion as to whether this ordinance was enforceable. The Attorney will be contacted.

Crystal Stage reported there has been loitering and skateboarding at the ball park. Crystal thanked the Council for the dumpster at the ball park.

Jonathan Bowden asked about the zoning of his residence at 72 Main St., regarding selling picnic tables. The Council stated his residence is zoned residential. There seems to be some question on the zoning of Main Street being changed years ago, but there is no record of this change being completed. The Council stated that Mr. Bowden could apply for a zoning change for his residence. The procedure states this is at the resident's expense.

Fern Deming reported that the street light at the corner of Cherry & Mechanic St is very dim. Penelec will be contacted.

COMMUNICATIONS were reviewed. The Association Dinner will be held on June 12 at the American Legion hosted by Lawrenceville Borough.

Mildred Bliss complimented the Maintenance man, the Dike committee and the Borough Secretary for receiving the Certificate of Achievement from DEP for the Flood Protection Project of 2007.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Mildred Bliss made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS-Jack Young made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$ 5,870.69 seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT- No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library-No report.

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer-Gene Haley reported the following:

- 1. 18 Cowanesque St-clean up complaint-in compliance now**
- 2. 51 Main Street-issued sign permit**
- 3. Pump-N-Pantry-issued sign permit**
- 4. Dandy Mart-issued sign permit**
- 5. 54 Main Street-sign permit application**
- 6. State Street-Mosher-mowing complaint-in compliance now**
- 7. 22 Mechanic Street-dog running loose-made aware of lease Law**
- 8. 72 Main Street-complaint-picnic tables for sale in residential zone**
- 9. 49 Main Street-storage building application**

Gene reminded everyone that lawns need to be mowed per Borough Ordinance.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-Gordon Chilson reported that he had received the bid package (State Street Phase III) from Hunt Engineers to review. Gordon reported that Heysham paving is working in Elkland and we are next.

Jack Young reported that he spoke with Paul Hall in regards to equipment rental for the dike. The equipment has a 15 foot reach and it would take about 8 hours to cut from the water plant to the Rt 15 bridge. Gordon Chilson and Jack Young will meet with Ehrlich to discuss spraying of the dikes.

D. Building: No report.

E. Public Safety: No report.

F. Personnel and Appointment: A member of the Planning Commission is still needed.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-Recodification-The Code Book review committee will continue working on this.

Flag Pole light-Matt Bakers office sent information that a light is required if the flag is left up after dark.

Ball park lot survey-Duane Wetmore will do survey end of this week.

Jack Young reported that the 2 gun appraisals received, were both over \$1000 and would need to be put out for bid. Bids will be opened on July 7th.

Jack Young reported the information he received on the Welcome Sign with Business advertising. The Council discussed the possibility of 2 signs and charging a yearly maintenance fee. The Council asked Jack to receive a couple more quotes.

The Council discussed the parking on Mechanic Street from the Borough Office to Route 15. A No Parking sign will be placed in that area.

The Council discussed the Mosher property on State Street and the fact that nothing has been done. Gene Haley will be contacted to see what can be done.

H. NEW BUSINESS-

The Council discussed the tennis courts, as there have been a couple of requests to be unlocked. The Council agreed to unlock the tennis courts and monitor participation this summer.

The dirt piles by the Fire Department will be moved after the paving is done. Dennis Deats will be contacted to use it to fill in holes in the berm after the potholes are patched.

Reminder: Mile Long Yard Sale will be July 11th and 12th. Bev Shoup will handle the signs and advertising.

The planning commission has suggested to the Council to have a Farmer's Market in Lawrenceville. The Council discussed it and will look into the insurance coverage that is needed. Gordon Chilson stated the Chilson Community Park could be used as long as there is insurance coverage.

The Council reviewed the Demolition permit application from Robert Blake regarding demolishing the barn at 14 Cowanesque St. Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the demolition of the barn, seconded by Gordon Chilson. A Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yea, except Ed Lockhart voted No.

Marian Russell reported that an Arborist is coming to speak at the Tioga Borough on June 26th. If possible, we will have the Arborist come to Lawrenceville and evaluate some of the trees.

The Council discussed security lights and no loitering signs for the ball park. The Council agreed to order four No Loitering, No Skateboarding, No Creating Nuisances signs for the ball park. Steve Stage will be contacted to install security lights.

Marian Russell stated that Tioga Borough owes us 8 hours in labor when we have a project to do.

The concrete stops from the State Street Park will be moved to the Borough Office parking lot once it is paved.

Larry Barnes made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM, seconded by Melvin Davis.

Minutes recorded and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary